

August 21, 1987

Dear Dr. Pastor:

Senator Baker has asked me to thank you for your letter enclosing the book, Latin America's Debt Crisis: Adjusting to the Past or Planning for the Future?

It was kind of your to send a copy to Mr. Baker. He was glad to contribute to this compilation of essays and to play a part in the symposium on which it is based, and he now looks forward to reviewing the book.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Dr. Robert A. Pastor
Director
Latin American and Caribbean Program
The Carter Presidential Center, Inc.
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Emory University
Atlanta, GA 30307

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

August 21, 1987

Dear Ms. Jordan:

Senator Baker has asked me to thank you for sending the update on the Patricia Neal Benefit scheduled for October 8.

Although Mr. Baker is pleased to serve as Honorary Chairman, the heavy demands of his schedule will prevent him from attending this important event.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Wilma Jordan
President
The Jordan Group, Inc.
24th Floor
2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

August 21, 1987

Dear Professor Rosen:

Thank you for your letter inviting Senator Baker to address the fall Policy Advisory Board meeting of the Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, University of California, in November.

Unfortunately, the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule will not permit him to be with you at that time. Please accept Mr. Baker's best wishes, however, for a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Professor Kenneth T. Rosen
Chairman
Center for Real Estate and
Urban Economics
Suite A
2680 Bancroft Way
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, CA 94720

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

August 24, 1987

Dear Mr. Stott:

Pursuant to your conversation with a member of our staff, I am pleased to forward to you the envelope you requested on behalf of Mr. John Di Buonaventuro.

I hope this will be helpful and, again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Wayne Stott
Village Art Gallery
Chesterbrook Village Shopping Center
500 Chesterbrook Boulevard
Chesterbrook, PA 19087

SW/BR/CAD/AVH/ws 8HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

Enclosure: Christmas Card envelope

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Ben:

Thanks for sending a copy of your book. I don't suppose there's much I can do to help out with the numbers, so I'll stick to photography and hope you keep on writing as persuasively as you do.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Ben J. Wattenberg
Senior Fellow
American Enterprise Institute
for Public Policy Research
1150 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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~~cc: Lorraine Camarano Rm. 61 OEOB~~

Book sent to Gift Unit of Gift Sheet

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Postmaster Tisch:

Thank you for sending the stamp album commemorating the art of lacemaking. It is fitting that such a beautiful stamp should be issued from Ypsilanti, Michigan, site of the 11th anniversary convention of the Great Lakes Lace Group.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and I am glad to have this album.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Preston R. Tisch
The Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260-0010

HHB/WJB/AVH/emu 8HHBA

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Stamp album sent to gift unit w/gift record sheet

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter about attorneys' fees in Social Security cases. I appreciate getting your views on this subject.

The Reagan Administration is committed to the general principle that government should not regulate areas better left to the free market. Concerning the specific policy issues you raise in your letter, Congress, as you probably know, has been considering legislation concerning attorneys' fees under the Social Security Act. As a result, it would not be appropriate for me to indicate a personal position under these circumstances. I'm sure you can appreciate the reasons why this policy is necessary.

Similarly, as regards your administrative appeal, the White House Counsel's Office advises me that because the matters you have raised are now before the agency for adjudication, I am precluded from taking a position or role. This is pursuant to a long-standing White House policy applicable to all White House staff members.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I am glad to hear that you and your family are well. Please give them all our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. D. C. Daniel, Jr.
Daniel, Burton & Thomas
Post Office Box 960
Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0960

HHB/OMB/LRC/AVH/JBS/aaw 8HHBA

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter endorsing the invitation from the Junior Statesmen of America. I addressed these fine young people on August 4 and had a delightful time.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
The Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Herb:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President and me to attend Chief Justice Warren Burger's birthday dinner on September 15.

As you are aware, the President will be unable to attend the dinner. I regret to say that my schedule will preclude me from attending this prestigious affair as well.

I do hope that you have a wonderful gathering -- I'm looking forward to the trip to Philadelphia on September 17 and visiting with you and Chief Justice Burger on that special occasion.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Herbert Brownell
Commission on the Bicentennial
of the United States Constitution
734 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C. 20503

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your invitation to join you and other members of the financial community on October 13.

I appreciate your thinking of me and although it sounds as though it would be a thoroughly enjoyable evening, previous commitments will keep me from attending.

Please convey my best wishes to all for a very successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Paul B. Fay, Jr.
President
The Fay Improvement Company
Post Office Box 2831
San Francisco, CA 94126-2831

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter and for your kind words.

I hope that all is well for you and your dad, and that your efforts in Costa Rica prove successful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John L. Baker
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Naples, FL 33940

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Edgar:

Thanks for your note acknowledging receipt of my letter concerning the Beck case. I especially appreciate your kind words on the Bork nomination. We welcome your strong expression of support for the President's choice for the Supreme Court.

I will certainly bring your generous expression of friendship to the President's attention. I am sure he will be pleased.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Edgar Orman
President
Concerned Citizens
For Better Government
3668 Kimball
Memphis, TN 38111

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Mr. Hooper:

Thank you for your letter of July 13 in which you suggested points that the President could use in his address to the Nation.

If you watched the President's speech, you heard him make some of the very points you mentioned in your letter. For your interest and information, I am enclosing a copy of that speech.

Again, thanks for your letter and also for letting me have the benefit of your views.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. R. W. Hooper
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Eight Valley Forge Executive Mall
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Wayne, PA 19087

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Enclosure: as stated

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter regarding increasing the number of charter flights which U.S. airlines will be permitted to operate between the United States and Japan. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Under a 1982 interim agreement with Japan, each nation's carriers may operate up to 300 one-way charters per year. Until this year, U.S. carriers operated far fewer than that number. This year, however, U.S. carriers exhausted the quota of 300 charters by early June. The charter year runs from October 1 to September 30. More charter authorizations, therefore, will not become available until October 1, unless we can obtain additional authorizations from Japan before then.

On June 24 and 29, officials of the Departments of State and Transportation met with representatives of the Japanese Embassy to discuss the charter issue. Although flexibility to borrow from next year's charter allocations was achieved at those meetings, these officials are still actively trying to nail down the details for this short-term solution. In addition, our negotiators will continue to seek a larger number of charters for future years.

I enjoyed seeing you at Malcolm Forbes' "Party of the Century." It was a delightful evening.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John C. Emery, Jr.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Emery Worldwide
Wilton, CT 06897

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 25, 1987

Dear Tony:

Thank you for your telephone call.

I had looked forward to the trip to Yosemite National Park later this month, but regrettably the plans were cancelled. I do hope to make it there before too long, however, and will certainly let you know if I need some help -- I've always understood the value of having an experienced guide in the wilderness.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Tony Coelho
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: Alan Kranowitz

Los Angeles

August 5, 1987

Dear John:

You were most kind to send me the special issue of Think commemorating the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. I am sure to enjoy this publication, and I intend to share it with the appropriate members of my staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John F. Akers
Chairman of the Board
IBM
Armonk, NY 10504-1783

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Thank you for your kind words of support and encouragement and for sending me the autographed photo.

I have forwarded your letter to the appropriate member of the White House staff concerning your request. You may expect to hear from him shortly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Michael W. Rutherford
Rutherford Photography Company
623 Sixth Avenue, South
Nashville, TN 37203

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: Tom Gibson with copy of incoming

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forwarded to [unclear]
[unclear]*

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Ms. Robertson:

Thank you for your recent mailgram regarding Jean Elder, formerly Assistant Secretary-designate for Human Development Services in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mrs. Elder has requested that the President withdraw her nomination to be Assistant Secretary, and he has done so. At Secretary Bowen's request, Mrs. Elder has agreed to pursue a most important initiative, the Youth 2000 program. She will continue work on this initiative as Special Assistant to the Secretary.

Thank you for making me aware of your views on Mrs. Elder, and I hope this brings you up to date.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Sherry Robertson
Assistant Director
Association for Retarded
Citizens in Alabama
444 South Decatur Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Sam:

You are most kind in sending me this coffee mug commemorating the 100th anniversary of Federal Compress & Warehouse Company, Inc.

I thank you and your colleagues for your thoughtfulness, and send my best wishes as you begin your second century of operations in Memphis.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Samuel B. Hollis
Chairman
Federal Compress & Warehouse
Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 77
Memphis, TN 38101

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Clear with Counsel's Office

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter recommending Commissioner Robert Davis for the position of Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

I'm happy to discuss your recommendation with Bob Tuttle and other appropriate White House officials. You can be sure Mr. Davis will receive every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. William T. Bagley
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Third Floor
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San Francisco, CA 94105-1295

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cc: ~~Lorraine Camarano~~ Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: w/incoming to Bob Tuttle

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Judy:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President to attend the National Federation of Republican Women's Biennial Convention on September 19-20 in Orlando, Florida.

I certainly agree with your assessment of NFWR's consistent support for the President throughout his term. I'm happy to discuss this matter with Fred Ryan and other appropriate members of the White House staff. You should receive a definite answer shortly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Judy Hughes
President
National Federation of
Republican Women
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
Fred Ryan with copy of incoming — *sent*

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear David:

It was my pleasure to meet with you and George the other day.

I've received your letter inviting the President to address the Annual Caribbean/Central American Action Miami Conference on December 1-2. I'm happy to relay it to the President, and I'll discuss this matter further with the appropriate members of the White House staff. You can be sure your invitation will receive full consideration.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable David Rockefeller
Room 5600
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: Fred Ryan with incoming — sent

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Ed:

Thanks very much for your letter. I appreciate the observations, which are sound, and I will see if we can't get them taken care of.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Edward L. Rowny
Special Advisor to the President
and Secretary of State
on Arms Control Matters
Room 4390
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
bcc: Mr. Carlucci

Los Angeles

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable David Rockefeller
Room 5600
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112

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cc: Lorraine Gamarano - Rm. 617 OEOB
cc: Fred Ryan with incoming

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Pat:

Thank you for your kind note inviting me to attend your fundraiser in Georgia this fall.

Although I can't commit myself to that time period at this point, I'd be delighted to be listed on your invitation as a "special invited guest."

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Pat Swindall
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: Lura Nell Mitchell with incoming

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your recent letter inviting me to speak to the National Republican Heritage (Groups) Council 1987 Convention this fall.

I am sorry that this must be a disappointing reply, but I will be out of town at that time.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable convention.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Frank D. Stella
Chairman
National Republican Heritage
Groups (Nationalities) Council
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Clayton:

I appreciate your offer to help screen candidates for the Secretary of Commerce post.

As you know, the President had a very firm view on who he wanted and the process simply boiled down to finding out if his candidate was available and confirmable. I think the answer to both questions was "yes".

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Clayton Yeutter
The United States Trade Representative
Washington, D.C. 20506

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I will be happy to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Tennessee College Republican Federation Advisory Board. The Federation has done much to call public attention to the accomplishments of the Republican Party, especially those of this Administration. I commend you for your hard work and enthusiasm.

You have my best wishes for continued success throughout the coming academic year.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Tim D. Gregory
Chairman
Tennessee College
Republican Federation
1609 Horton Avenue
Nashville, TN 37212

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: Pam Stevens w/copy of inc.
cc: Lura Nell Mitchell w/copy of inc.

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear George:

Thank you for your kind invitation to speak at the
Insiders Breakfast on September 16.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule will not permit me to be with you on that date. I'd be glad to take a raincheck on this, though, and will give any future invitation full consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. George D. Webster
Webster, Chamberlain,
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Washington, D.C. 20006

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Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Thank you for your kind words of support and encouragement and for sending me the autographed photo.

I have forwarded your letter to the appropriate member of the White House staff concerning your request. You may expect to hear from him shortly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
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Mr. Michael W. Rutherford
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Nashville, TN 37203

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Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter endorsing the Santa Barbara Lincoln Club's invitation to attend an upcoming event. I am truly honored to receive Mrs. Richardson's request.

Regrettably, my schedule is not my own these days, and I won't be able to make this one. I am sure they'll find an outstanding speaker with little difficulty.

Joy and I send our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. William H. Morris, Jr.
President and C.E.O.
GLOBAL USA Inc.
Global House
1823 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Tony:

It was kind of you to send me Robert Cameron's Above Yosemite. I was really looking forward to the trip there, camera in hand -- now at least I'll be able to enjoy Yosemite's magnificence through these great photographs.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Tony Coelho
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano Rm. 61 OEOB

Book returned to Howard Baker w/ gift record sheet

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Ted:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proper interpretation of the ABM Treaty. While I apologize for the delay in my response, I appreciate the opportunity to share with you my views on this matter.

President Reagan directed at the inception of the SDI program that it be conducted in full compliance with all U.S. international legal obligations, including the ABM Treaty. The SDI program was initially structured to conform to a restrictive interpretation of that Treaty, which would prohibit development and testing of ABM systems based on "other physical principles," except those in a fixed land-based mode. In 1985, the United States undertook a review of the ABM Treaty and its negotiating history in order to gain a more precise understanding of what the Treaty permits with respect to the development and testing of ABM systems. That review led the President to conclude that a broader interpretation of the Treaty -- permitting development and testing of all ABM systems involving other physical principles, regardless of basing mode -- was fully justified.

The only provision of the Treaty which deals with future technologies is Agreed Statement D, which allows "creation" (i.e., development and testing) of ABM systems based on other physical principles and provides for consultations and agreement only on deployment. The negotiating record clearly demonstrates that the United States tried, but failed, to secure Soviet agreement to a Treaty text that would have prohibited development of space-based and other mobile-based ABM systems based on future technologies. The Soviets firmly rejected that U.S. effort, arguing that restrictions could not be imposed on systems and components that were not yet created and thus not yet defined.

While some statements by White House officials during the ABM Treaty ratification process tended to support the restrictive interpretation, others were consistent with the broader interpretation. President Nixon's letter of transmittal did not address future ABM systems at all; the treatment of the subject in Secretary Rogers' official report on the Treaty is entirely consistent with the broader interpretation. The report of the Foreign Relations Committee included only a brief statement concerning future ABM systems, which repeated the thrust of

Secretary Rogers' report. The resolution of advice and consent did not in any way condition the Senate's consent to the Treaty on the restrictive interpretation.

In any case, even if some Senators believed that the United States and the Soviet Union had agreed to the restrictive interpretation, those beliefs could not create binding bilateral obligations under the Treaty. The best evidence of what the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to is in the Treaty text and the negotiating record. The Soviet Union refused to accept what is now called the narrow interpretation, and the United States has no greater obligation than the obligation the Soviet Union was willing to undertake.

I hope this is helpful to you in your examination of ABM Treaty issues. Please feel free to get back in touch if there is anything else I can do.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Frank E. Moss
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Salt Lake City, UT 84111

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Redone on 8/26/87 for address

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Gay:

Thank you for letting me know about your invitation to General Secretary Gorbachev.

As you say, it's important for Americans to make up their minds about him, and it's equally important that he have some firsthand experience of America. He is, after all, a product of a closed system and many misconceptions may need to be cleared away. This was one of the reasons President Reagan invited him to visit the United States.

As you may know, a summit meeting has not been scheduled. We have made clear to the Soviets that the President's invitation still stands.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Cyrus R. Vance
Foreign Policy Association
205 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Fred:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 5 regarding your interest in the asylum application of a Burmese citizen, Mr. Coco Lay. You had asked my help in locating three State Department employees who knew Mr. Lay in Burma and who might be able to lend support to his application for political asylum in the United States.

I have asked the State Department to try to locate the three individuals mentioned in your letter. A copy of your letter will be forwarded to each of them. This will enable them to communicate with you directly if they can be helpful with Mr. Lay's application for asylum. For reasons of privacy the Department will not give out any employee's current address.

Edward Wilkinson of the State Department's Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs will follow up with State's Bureau of Personnel to assure that all reasonable efforts are made to locate Messrs. Murphy, Ivanshakof and Balach, and that they are given every opportunity to render support for Mr. Lay's application.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. H. Fred Ford
Suite 1812, Parkway Towers
404 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37219-1574

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your message regarding the position of Secretary of Commerce. You may be sure that your recommendation was valued and that it did receive every consideration.

As you know, the President has nominated William Verity, Jr. to serve in this important post. Like Malcolm Baldrige before him, Bill will work diligently to expand international markets. He is committed to free and fair trade, but will oppose protectionist measures that threaten to reverse the progress this Administration has made in correcting the trade imbalance.

I hope Bill will have your support as he assumes the helm at the Department of Commerce at this critical time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John L. Murray
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
Universal Foods Corporation
Post Office Box 737
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

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#Commerce

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: Katja Bullock w/incoming

Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Wadlington:

Thank you very much for your letter urging that the President not issue a national finding permitting the export of North Slope natural gas.

The President's Economic Policy Council met in late July to consider the issue of exporting natural gas from the North Slope. The Council agreed that before making any recommendations to the President, we should honor the Canadian Government's request to enter into consultations. The Canadians have expressed concerns about how the Trans Alaska Natural Gas (TAGs) project might affect the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System (ANGST).

Once the consultations are completed, probably during the fall, the Economic Policy Council will consider again the issue of exporting North Slope natural gas. The Council at that time will take a number of factors into consideration, including the Canadian concerns and the importance of developing our natural resources.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Cuba Wadlington, Jr.
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
Northwestern Alaskan Pipeline Company
Post Office Box 8900
Salt Lake City, UT 84108-0900

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Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Judy:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President to attend the National Federation of Republican Women's Biennial Convention on September 19-20 in Orlando, Florida.

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Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Judy Hughes
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Los Angeles

August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate your letter. I enjoyed the meeting with Dr. Swanson

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
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August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Reichle,

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 1987 proposing privatization of the Department of Energy's Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Plant in Portsmouth, Ohio.

I am advised that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Department of Energy are presently assessing the suitability of this facility for privatization in accordance with the President's program. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Robert C. Dawson, Associate Director of OMB for Natural Resources, Energy and Science, who is closely involved in this process.

I am confident that Mr. Dawson's informed perspective on this matter will ensure that your concerns receive thoughtful consideration. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Leonard F. C. Reichle
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Los Angeles

August 27, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter recommending Linas Kojelis for the position of Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

As you are probably aware, the President nominated Rebecca Range for this important post on August 20. Nevertheless, I appreciate having the benefit of your views and learning of your strong support for Mr. Kojelis.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Frank:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Mr. Chandersekaran:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Giamboi:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Ruth:

Thank you for bringing to my personal attention your concerns about the possible financial and budgetary effects of the Postal Service borrowing \$11.7 billion from the Federal Financing Bank. These are major, serious issues of equal concern to the Administration. I have asked James C. Miller III, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to provide you and the other Governors a detailed explanation of the budgetary effects of this postal plan, and the reasons for the Administration's legislative proposal to have the Postal Service seek private sector financing.

You are to be commended for your sincere and indefatigable efforts to ensure that this country's mail service is conducted in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible. Your suggestions for improving the efficiency of the Postal Service reassure us that the Board of Governors has a determined advocate for both postal ratepayers' and Federal taxpayers' interests.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Ruth O. Peters
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